

2006 Minutes



California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: August 17, 2006
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Location: Department of Conservation 801 K Street (19th floor) Training Room
 Lead: Annie Kohut Frankel
 Note taker: Donna Pozzi
 Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich

In attendance:

Tom Mays, SWRCB Zori Lozano-Friedrich, SWRCB Melissa Totten, ARB Donna Pozzi, State Parks Annie Kohut Frankel, Coastal Commission Theresa Bober, CIWMB	Crystal Harden, DOE Bobbie Winn, DFG Amit Rana, Sierra Club Christiane Maertens, Disney Sue Sims, DWR (on phone) Robert Whitford, CSUS Aquatic Center
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	Item	Lead	Action
1.	<u>Check – in and Catch -up</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Introductions Review Agenda Approve Minutes Update Outstanding Action Items 	Annie Kohut Frankel	<p>Agenda accepted with change of guest speaker to beginning of the meeting and moving Amit's "What's New" report earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes tentatively approved, due to lack of a quorum. Action items reviewed and updated. Calendar of events distributed.</p>
2.	<u>Guest Speaker</u> UC Center Sacramento Scholar Intern Program	Erika Peters	<p>Erika was introduced by ARB intern Melissa Totten who spoke positively about her experiences with the UC intern program. Erika described the program which started in May 2003. Typically there are 11 – 30 students participating, from all 10 University of California campuses. This summer there were 60+ interns. The focus is on: Academics, Research and Public Service. Students can have any major but must have a 3.0 GPA; they are juniors, seniors or graduate students. Applications include transcripts, 2 letters of recommendation and a statement of intent. Interns are selected by their campus to participate. The internship lasts 10 weeks and the students usually work 24 hours/week though some work full time. They have a 1 – 2 week orientation and must also fulfill an academic requirement. Internships have been with the Legislature, in the Executive Branch, with State Agencies, nonprofits, lobbyists and special interest groups. Most internships are unpaid; very few include stipends. There is a Public Affairs Journalism program.</p> <p>To be a sponsor, you must be able to offer meaningful work with appropriate supervision; complete an internship proposal and student evaluation; and interview student prior to placement. Erika is always looking for good placements in state agencies and encouraged us to contact her. She passed out a brochure about the program and a Scholar Intern Request form.</p> <p>Erika.Peters@ucop.edu http://uccs.universityofcalifornia.edu/index.htm</p>

3.	<p><u>Committee Reports & Discussion</u></p> <p>Environmentality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCEC – Update <p>Administration & Organization</p> <p>Leadership & Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and the Environment Initiative Update 	<p>Christiane Maertens</p> <p>Tom Mays</p> <p>Theresa Bober</p>	<p>Christiane showed samples of the JCEC 2006-2007 “Catch the Wave of Environmentality” collateral. The poster and handbook have been printed. She explained the JCEC “Pamphlet” (Grades 3 / 4) which is pending print finish. The JCEC 2006-2007 Pledge Gift will be a very appealing “Rubic’s cube” toy. Marketing efforts include K-12 Institutes and e-mail blasts of soft copy marketing materials (pending CA website upgrade). CEEIN participation: Let Christiane know by the end of August if you need more or less than 50 posters, otherwise everyone will get 50. Also, she will be preparing a partner group report (October 2006) and will need to hear from us how we used this material. The JCEC Executive Committee had to reschedule the August meeting for September 7th, 2006.</p> <p>Tom passed out the current list of committee membership (dated July 2006) and asked that by the next meeting, everyone let Tina know if there are any changes. Remember that everyone is expected to serve on at least one committee.</p> <p>The letter from the Sierra Club requesting Partnership membership in CEEIN could not be voted on due to the lack of a quorum. This will be carried over to our next meeting.</p> <p>Theresa gave a status report on EEI and ways CEEIN members can be more involved. Next week the last of 18 NGO workshops will be done. CIWMB has authorized funding for editors, graphic artists, content reviewers and education reviewers to work on the Model Curriculum. San Luis Obispo County Office of Education sent out the RFQ for writers to work on the Model Curriculum for EEI; they are being selected by Jerry, Jenny and Andrea. Sept. 11 – 14 there will be a writers workshop. At this time, only grades 4 – 6 science and history/social science are being written. National Geographic Society is providing photos and design support. Field testing will take place in February, involving 20 school districts; pilot testing will be later. Because there was so much interest on the part of non-NGOs in attending the NGO workshops, there might be additional workshops next summer if federal EPA funds are available. This would be an opportunity for CEEIN involvement. Additionally, CEEIN state agencies can offer content reviewers to assist with the Model Curriculum. Tom asked how EEI will affect education programs such as those required by local storm water management agencies. Bobbie mentioned that because Project Wild activities correlate to the standards, they seem to line up well with the EEI concepts and principles. Theresa cautioned that everything she told us was correct today but subject to change as the process and plans evolve. Zori stated that at future meetings we need to provide for ongoing information and discussions of EEI with sufficient time for dialog.</p>
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4.	What's New In Your World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements 	All	<p><u>Amit</u> put on a successful leadership training in Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount involving 30 students, 18 – 25 years of age. They are starting a Sierra Club student chapter. He expects to hold 3 trainings in LA next year. Next month he will be doing a program with Boys and Girls Clubs in Chicago. At Crenshaw High School they have started an eco-club. The legislation he is involved with (it was SB1649 but is now SB 1777) is in Assembly Appropriations. Amit's work is expanding to other states including Connecticut, Texas and Michigan.</p> <p><u>Bobbie</u> shared information on the salmon art contest for 4th graders, a salmon educator workshop (Sept. 20) and schools' day at the American River Salmon Festival (Oct 13).</p> <p><u>Annie</u> passed out a flier of Coastweeks, Sept 16 – Oct. 8.</p> <p><u>Robert Whitford</u> introduced himself. He works at the CSU Aquatic Center and had been invited to CEEIN by Phaedra.</p> <p><u>Tom</u> gave out samples of the new Waterwheel that is a handout used by the Water Boards.</p> <p><u>Sue</u> reminded everyone to see DWR's exhibit at the State Fair, in bldg. 4 at Expo Center. The exhibit is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the department.</p>
5.	Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify Action Items Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop September Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting 	Annie Zori	<p>Action items were clarified.</p> <p>Carolyn is the lead for the September meeting; Tina is the notetaker. It is critical that everyone RSVP to Carolyn so that we will know in advance if there will be a quorum. For next month's speaker, Tina has asked the Dept of Conservation's PR contractor Tim Riester to make a presentation.</p> <p>The date of our October meeting will be Oct. 12, not Oct. 17.</p>

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Meeting Evaluation Summary

- Overall rating: 4.4 (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high)

What went well

- EEI discussion was very helpful and the UC Center presentation was informative. Good meeting!
- Enjoyed the speaker – good information
- Good discussions.
- Interesting speaker – helpful info
- (Having) more time for EEI

What could be improved?

- Wish more people attended (the meeting)
 - Unfortunate that we didn't have a quorum
- EEI talk a little unfocused...or it seemed to me at least